
Charter School Agreements Policy 6.400

The Background:

The Charter Agreements policy outlines the guidelines for the State Board as it enters into charter agreements with the charter schools it authorizes and serves as the chartering authority.

A review of all the State Board's charter school authorizer policies was conducted to ensure alignment with updates to the High Quality Charter Schools Act and the development of the Tennessee state charter school authorizing standards. Additionally, now that the State Board has authorized charter schools in operation, updates have been made to better reflect current practices.

This policy has been updated to clarify the definition of "charter agreement" as well as the timeline under which an agreement is effective. There has also been language added to reflect the collection of an annual authorizer fee as set forth in state law and clarified the State Board's responsibility for conducting a high-stakes interim review in year five (5). There have also been minor grammatical and formatting edits.

The Recommendation:

State Board staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.